

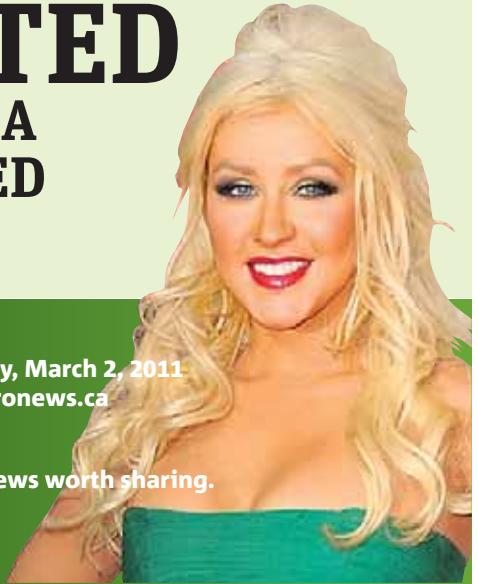


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News worth sharing.

Winter. Blues



► Dagmar Losert's eyes match her winter gear as she waits for her husband, who was taking photos of the Art Gallery of Alberta yesterday.

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Bundle up, winter's not over yet

It seems the groundhog was right, Edmonton. It may be March, but temperatures will remain around the -30 C mark with the wind chill for the rest of the week. More snow is expected before things warm up a bit on the weekend — only to fall back into sub-zero single digits next week.

Definitely not a jolly Rogers

Cable giant taking fee dispute to Supreme Court {page 4}

Good news for World Cup bid

Edmonton's chance to play host just got better {page 3}

Minister of health wants proof

► Gene Zwozdesky challenges legislature member Raj Sherman to prove accusations of wrongdoing by Edmonton health officials

Alberta's health minister is telling a whistleblowing critic to put up or shut up over damning allegations of corruption by Edmonton health officials.

"It's very unfortunate when a member of this house stands up and uses the protection and the shield of immunity that this house provides and then casts aspersions or accusations or allegations against people he knows can't defend themselves," Gene Zwozdesky said in question period yesterday as caucus colleagues applauded.

"That is just absolutely wrong."

Zwozdesky was referring to comments made by Independent legislature member Raj Sherman.

Sherman, who is also an emergency-room doctor, told the house in question period Monday that his sources had told him about bribery, coercion, coverup and fraud that occurred about five years ago in the Edmonton health region.

He alleged that between 2001 and 2006, about 250 patients on a 1,200-patient waiting list for lung surgery died before they could get help due to scarce resources.

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What Raj Sherman alleged

- He said Edmonton health officials and the College of Physicians and Surgeons covered up deaths and either punished doctors who threatened to blow the whistle or bribed them with millions in tax dollars.
- He also accused local health officials of fraud. He alleged they kept two sets of financial books to cover up the millions of dollars in payments.
- Sherman cannot be sued for defamation for the comments, because question period gives him immunity. He did not repeat the allegations Monday to reporters outside the assembly chamber.
- Yesterday, he told a radio interviewer that he will back up his statements next week when he gets to ask another question in the legislature rotation. He also hinted he will broaden the scandal.
- He backtracked on the bribery allegations, however, suggesting payment actually came in the form of pork-barrel health jobs.

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City's latest homicide involves inmate

An inmate's death at the Edmonton Institution is the city's 12th homicide of the year, police confirmed yesterday.

Gyozo Victor Barasso, 45, was stabbed to death Feb. 26.

According to a release issued from the Correctional Service of Canada, Barasso was found in medical distress in his cell. He was later transported to hospital.

He was serving a four-year, two-month sentence for robbery and two counts of assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm and possession of a weapon for a dangerous person, said the release.

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Major road delays expected

Starting April 3, Scona Road, which accommodates over 40,000 vehicles per day, will be down to one lane in each direction. From May 2 until November, Scona Road will be completely closed, with lanes on 99 Street closed periodically.

Paul Szczepanski, director of arterial roadways, said yesterday that if they had tried to accommodate traffic and pedestrians, the closure would have been longer.

"The work would have been extended to two or more seasons," he said.

The estimated cost of the project is about \$24 million. Edmonton Transit will also have to be rerouted during construction.

• ALISON BAIRD



Northlands gives its take

Controversial funding option to be discussed today by council Community revitalization levy would collect property taxes from surrounding businesses



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yond 2014.

"The answer was yes," he said yesterday.

The new report states that evidence from Forbes "suggests the Oilers are one of the strongest franchises financially in the NHL."

But the report also says that should a downtown arena project be done, it should be done right.

"Any financing scheme that depends significantly on CRL (community revitalization levy) ... to cover the public's debt service is

highly risky," states the report, written by American economics professor Andrew Zimbalist.

The private developer, Oilers owner Daryl Katz, should guarantee the funding for public-debt service, states the report.

"If the CRL is not as much money and there is no federal support, then who is going to backstop it?" said Coun. Kerry Diotte. "We've got to make sure that taxpayers are really well taken care of in this deal."

Spring decision

1 The city has said it could fund \$250 million of the \$450-million project through a CRL and ticket tax. Oilers owner Daryl Katz has promised \$100 million.

2 More details are expected on the CRL, ticket tax and potential for seat licences at an April 6 council meeting.

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Firefighters battle blaze in frigid weather

Firefighters warmed up in ETS buses between shifts while battling a two-alarm, \$1.5-million fire that engulfed a commercial space in -30 C conditions yesterday.

Tim Wilson of Fire Rescue Services said firefighters battled the blaze at 94 Street and 118 Avenue and had it under control by 10:20 a.m. There were no

50 firefighters battled the blaze yesterday.

reports of injuries in the fire, first spotted around 5:15 a.m. The cause of the inferno that gutted the building between an auto-body shop and Taco del Mar is not yet known.

• SHELLEY WILLIAMSON



News in brief

Augustine Poitras back in prison

MURDER. Augustine Poitras may have been acquitted of Shane Howarth's Canada Day 2009 murder, but his freedom was short-lived. EPS said Poitras was arrested Sunday for uttering threats and is in custody at the Edmonton Remand Centre. He is in

court tomorrow to face charges.

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City closer to hosting FIFA 2015 cup

DROPPED OUT. Edmonton is closer to netting the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup after Zimbabwe dropped out, leaving Canada the only competitor in the running.

Seven Canadian cities have made pitches to host the international soccer matches. • METRO

Ramping up relief in Libya

► Canada's military aircraft have made trips into Libya to deliver supplies and rescue Canadian and other citizens

Canada will send a warship to Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

The Halifax-based frigate, HMCS Charlottetown, is expected to conduct as-yet-undefined humanitarian relief operations in conjunction with an American carrier battle group led by the nuclear-powered USS Enterprise.

Harper said the warship departs today.

"Our government's priority remains the safe evacuation of Canadians from Libya."

JAY PAXTON, A SPOKESMAN FOR DEFENCE MINISTER PETER MACKAY

fence Minister Peter MacKay.

News of the short-notice deployment came on the same day as a Canadian military Hercules transport, en route to pick up oil workers, was turned back from Libya.

The British have used one of their frigates to evacuate its citizens from the port city of Benghazi.

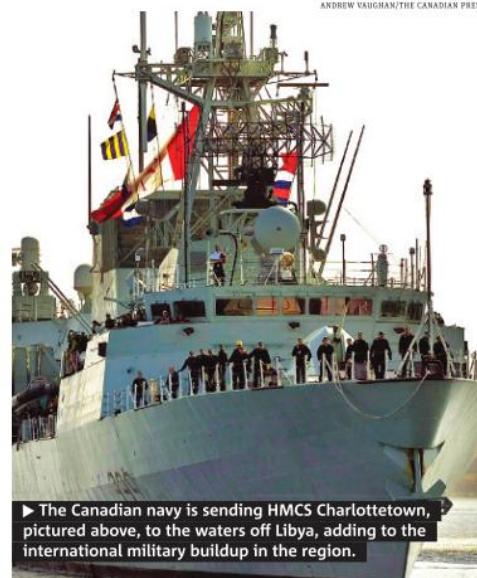
A spokesman for the Ottawa-based overseas headquarters confirmed an air force C-130J Hercules was waved off its mission yesterday about half way between Malta and the troubled north African nation.

The transport was headed into Tripoli.

The reason for the denial was due to a shortage of ramp space at Tripoli International Airport, said Maj. Andre Salloum, spokesman for Canadian Forces Expeditionary Command.

It's the latest in a string of setbacks for the Canadian evacuation effort.

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► The Canadian navy is sending HMCS Charlottetown, pictured above, to the waters off Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region.

Crackdown

Since the revolt against Moammar Gadhafi's 41-year rule began two weeks ago, his regime has launched the harshest crackdown in the Arab world.

Gadhafi has already lost control of the eastern half of the country. He still holds the capital, Tripoli, and other nearby cities.

An exact death toll has been difficult to obtain in the chaos, but a medical

committee in the eastern city of Benghazi, where the uprising began on Feb. 15, said at least 228 people had been killed, including 30 unidentified bodies, and 1,932 injured.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has cited reports that perhaps 1,000 have died amid the uprising and the government's violent crackdown on Gadhafi critics.

The U.S. moved naval and air forces closer to Libya on Monday and said all options were open.

Attacks

REBELS HOLD ON

Residents of the rebel-held city closest to Libya's capital celebrated with a victory march yesterday after repelling an overnight attack by Moammar Gadhafi's forces. But troops loyal to the longtime leader clamped down on a strategic mountain town as they fought to reclaim areas near Tripoli, residents said.

Witnesses in Zawiya said pro-Gadhafi forces battled rebels for six hours overnight but could not retake control of the city 50 kilometres west of Tripoli. They said the last of several assaults by the Gadhafi loyalists came at around 3 a.m. local time.

Residents of Zawiya paraded through the city's main square. Some carried on their shoulders an air force colonel they said had just defected to the rebels' side.

"We were worried about air raids but that did not happen," said one resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

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Rogers taking fee battle to Supreme Court

The battle over whether broadcasters have the right to charge cable and satellite providers for carrying their programs is headed to the Supreme Court.

Rogers Communications Inc. said yesterday it plans to file for a leave to appeal with the top court over a decision this week by the Federal Court of Appeals.

That court ruled 2-1 that the CRTC had the right to establish a regime

"The CRTC even acknowledged that it was a problem because they referred it directly to the courts without even rendering it to us."

PHIL LIND, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC.

whereby broadcasters could attach a monetary value to their signals. The CRTC itself had referred the matter to the court as it announced its plans for embarking on the regime.

But the fact the Federal Court of Appeals' decision was not unanimous made

an appeal more attractive.

"It's not a question of it's a slam dunk and there was a 3-0 decision and the court ruled on the actual law. It's a different story than that altogether," said Phil Lind, vice-chairman of Rogers Communications Inc.

Rogers and other distributors of TV network signals argued that the so-called value-for-signal issue was a matter that fell under the Copyright Act and the question of royalties, and was not in the jurisdiction of the CRTC.

Justice Marc Nadon agreed.

Lind added: "The CRTC even acknowledged that it was a problem because they referred it directly to the courts without even rendering it to us. They

knew it was going to be a problem."

Since the value-for-signal debate began, major networks such as CTV and Global have been purchased by the very distributors they were fighting.

Rogers will likely be joined by other cable and satellite firms in filing the leave to appeal. While it didn't indicate which companies, Bell Aliant was among those who made submissions in the lower court's case.

The cable and satellite companies have warned that the extra costs will be passed on to consumers. Lind estimates cable and satellite companies would wind up paying \$5 or more per subscriber for TV signals.

The private broadcasters had warned that without the extra funds, they would have to shut down more local stations and cut back on Canadian productions.

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Rescue attempt will lead to deaths: Pirate

Any attempt to rescue a Danish family captured by pirates in the Indian Ocean will result in their deaths — just like the four American sailors slain by their captors last week, a Somali pirate warned yesterday.

Maritime experts said the Danes — a couple with

three teenage children aged 12 to 16 — placed themselves in grave danger by sailing into pirate-infested waters off Somalia's lawless coast despite warnings from naval forces struggling to police the area. They were captured Thursday.

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Russian strays saved

Moscow's thousands of stray dogs have something to wag their tails about. Animal-rights activists say the city has dropped a plan to round the dogs up and ship them to a camp far outside of town. Some said the camp was like a concentration camp for dogs.

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► Tokyo Sky Tree

Japanese tower claims new record

A transmission tower under construction in Tokyo has become the world's tallest freestanding broadcast structure, the owners said yesterday.

The Tokyo Sky Tree project surpassed another tower in China by reaching 601 metres, the company said.

When complete later

this year, the tower will stand 634 metres, Tobu Tower Sky Tree Co. spokesman Hirotake Takanashi said. It will replace a 327-metre tower built in 1958.

Japan's six top broadcasters are building the tower outside of town.

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I'LL HAVE AN X-RAY AND A DOUBLE-DOUBLE

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Two of our nation's most prominent icons came together in a Vancouver suburb Monday, as overflow patients at the Royal Columbian Hospital were treated at the hospital's Tim Hortons doughnut shop.

Which proves that if you live long enough, you'll get to write at least one totally mind-blowing paragraph just like that one.

But it's all true. They had 190 patients in the ER, and because all the broom closets were full, they moved the table and chairs out of the café and moved the patients and the gurneys in.

Hospital personnel got a little confused as the doughnut shop performed double-double duty as an extension of the ER.

Nurses caught themselves telling patients to roll up their rims instead of their sleeves and wanted to know if that EKG was to go. "You want it toasted?"

You want to know what's really hilarious? The doughnut shop is actually part of the hospital's official overflow plan. Some poor sap was forced to stand in front of the TV cameras and actually maintain they would do it again the next time they have 190 patients at

once. Yeah, right.

Which is it? A cleverly designed PR move to shame the province into forking over more money to the hospital, a sneaky plot to introduce private (franchise, no less) health care, a new way for ER personnel to get their coffee breaks on a busy night or a complete breakdown of the Canadian health-care system.

If you ticked All of the Above, you're probably right. Have a Timbit. Have another one.

I'm sorry, but a doughnut shop is a great place to get a cup of cof-

fee and one (maybe two) of those tasty walnut-crunch numbers. It's not a great place to find out if you have a broken leg or the chicken pox. It's not on the menu.

It's also unfortunate for U.S. President Barack Obama, who's trying to convince his fellow Americans to make the U.S. system more like Canada's. I'm not sure what Rush Limbaugh will make of the spectacle of treating ER patients at Dunkin' Donuts, but, by the looks of him, he's at least familiar with the product.

Of course, it's not all bad. Where else can you get a BP/blood work combo with extra-large coffee? And it comes with a choice of biscuit or English muffin.

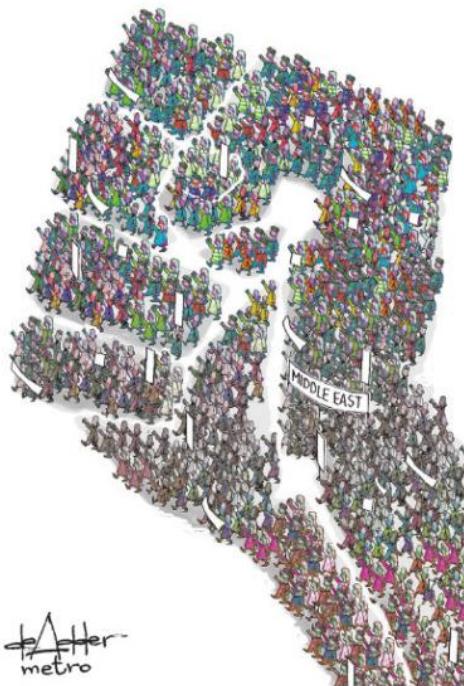


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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Election call could cost vets



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Letters & Tweets

Where is the legislation?

The government of the day, through the minister of Veterans Affairs has made several announcements and promises on Bill C-55 (new veterans charter), which has received first reading in the House of Commons but has not progressed to the committee level. Similar announcements and promises have been made on Bill 480 by the minister of finance (removal of GST from poppies and wreath purchases), for which no legislation has yet been tabled.

As your readers know, the tabling and passage of these bills with royal assent will not be possible should the government decide to call an election.

The Royal Canadian Legion has written to both ministers on the matters of legislative procedure and has received assurances that these matters are being looked into.

These bills may die on the order paper, however, if an election is called.

This would leave Canada's disabled veterans, their families and The Royal Canadian Legion without the legislation they all need.

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Eye. Tracking

Carney stays the course on interest rates

- Cites uncertainty in global economy, markets
- Unchecked dollar could sink recovery at home

The Bank of Canada is sticking with its trendsetting rate of one per cent for at least another six weeks, giving no hint yesterday about when it might raise the rate again to ward off inflation: an increasing threat given recent signs the economy is expanding strongly.

Few had expected bank governor Mark Carney to raise rates, but analysts were looking for a signal of future hikes after Monday's news that the economy grew by 3.3 per cent in the final quarter last year, a full point higher than the bank had projected.

While the bank acknowledged the robust growth, it maintained that not much

Market moment

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covery remain elevated. The bank also warned that the strong Canadian dollar and the poor productivity of Canadian firms will act as anchors to future export growth.

Economists noted that Carney likely wanted to avoid giving any more boost to the loonie by signalling bullish intentions.

It may also be that, like some private-sector economists, Carney is skeptical that the better economic performance will hold up. Craig Alexander, TD Bank's chief economist, said he believes the quick start will yield to a steady slowdown as the year proceeds.

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The daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, Bristol Palin, has signed with William Morrow to publish the book *Not Afraid of Life, to come out this summer. It will look at her life growing up in Alaska and coming of age amid the media and political frenzy surrounding her mother's political rise.*

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No Adjustment needed for pair

► Chemistry between Damon and Blunt shines through in latest movie



► Matt Damon and Emily Blunt star in the *Adjustment Bureau*.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

The *Adjustment Bureau* may look like one of those serious-minded conspiracy films — and in a way it is, considering main character David Norris (Matt Damon) is being hunted down by strange suit-and-Fedora clad men trying to alter his destiny. But in sitting down with Damon and co-star Emily Blunt, there was more a mood of casual rom-com than nail-biting thriller, even after they were soberly asked to

recall a moment in their own lives when fate seemed to intervene.

"I think Emily's chance to work with me must've been one of those moments," Damon cracks without missing a beat.

Blunt sarcastically admits he's right and goes on to explain that getting into her second choice university was what effectively gave her the career she has today.

Damon counters by adding that if he had chosen to star in Werner Herzog's *Rescue Dawn* rather than the Farrelly Brothers' *Stuck on You*, he never



"Looking back on my career, I feel like as much as I tried to control as much as I could, a lot of it really is down to luck"

MATT DAMON ON THE ROLE OF FATE IN HIS CAREER

would have met his wife.

"Well, mine was better," Blunt quips at Damon.

"You went for the ro-

mance, you manipulated them."

It's obvious that the co-stars have a camaraderie that easily translates to *Bureau*, in which their characters meet by chance and share an instant attraction.

The mysterious titular bureau claims that the two cannot be together for reasons they cannot explain.

"What it really works as, is that the *Adjustment Bureau* is the obstacle to these people being together. It's never going to be *Inception* — it's never going to be that kind of intricate and complicated."



Comments get Galliano fired by Dior

John Galliano has been fired by Christian Dior, following yet further allegations of anti-semitic remarks made by the flamboyant designer, while drinking in the Marais district of Paris.

"I unequivocally condemn the statements made by John Galliano, which are in total contradiction to the longstanding core values of Christian Dior," Sidney Toledano, chairman and chief executive officer of Christian Dior Couture said.

For the time being the show will remain on schedule but regardless of the strength of the collection it is unlikely to receive the acclaim that is usually associated with this talented designer.

At the present time, Dior has declined to comment on who is set to replace Galliano.

● RICHARD PECKETT

Portman

Natalie Portman condemned alleged anti-semitic comments made by designer John Galliano.

► Quote "I am deeply shocked and disgusted by the video of John Galliano's comments that surfaced today."

JEFF MARTIN

"I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN HAPPIER"

The former Tea Party front man and his new band Jeff Martin 777 is performing in Alberta March 10 at Calgary's The Republik on his Canadian tour in support of his new album, *The Ground Cries Out*.

How have the last six years been for you since the breakup of the Tea Party?

"It's been a very steep learning curve. In the Tea Party days I was very com-

fortable in my bubble. We had incredible management that kept the music industry at bay. It allowed myself and the other two to create those records like *Edge of Twilight* and *Transmission*. For a Canadian rock band to be that exotic was unheard of, but we still became a household name. It was weird, but a testament to the Canadian rock audience in its ability to accept different things.

The Tragically Hip had its place. The Tea Party had its place. Our Lady Peace had its place.

When I had to leave the band and learn everything on my own it was definitely a case of maturing in some ways and becoming accountable to my own self.

We fast forward to the present. As far as my headspace and soul space is concerned, I don't think I've ever been happier."

What goes into creating the live show?

"The less you think about it, the better it will be.

That's the rule of thumb that I've always had. Even in the Tea Party days we didn't rehearse that much. You figure out your signposts and then how you get to those different signposts during a show is up to the inspiration of the evening.

Every single night that this band will play the set will change, the momentum will change, everything will be different. Growing up listening to bootlegs of Led Zeppelin, the show was never the same. It's going to take all these tangents, but tangents within a framework."

● JEFF HODSON

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► Jeff Martin 777

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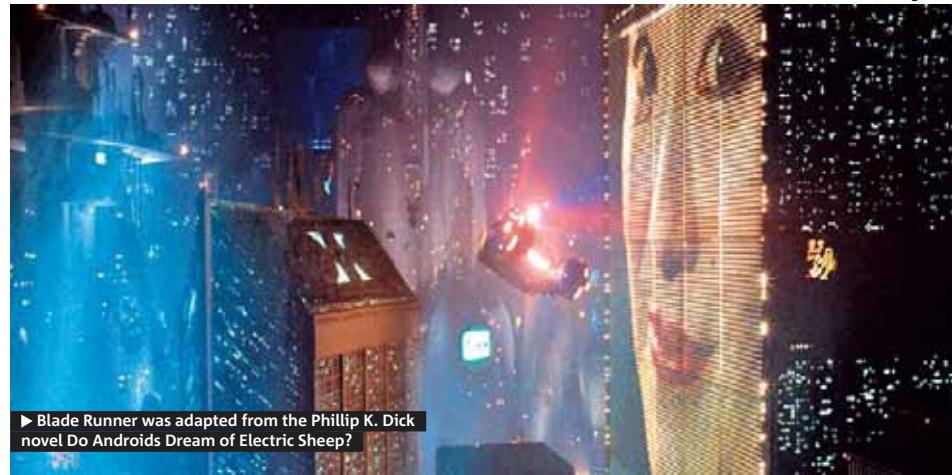
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For someone who once famously said, "You would have to kill me and prop my up in the seat of my car with a smile painted on my face to get me to go



► *Blade Runner* was adapted from the Phillip K. Dick novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*

near Hollywood," writer Phillip K. Dick certainly has a good Tinsel Town track record. Films based on his novels and short stories have made over \$1 billion, a figure that is bound to increase with the release of this weekend's *The Adjustment Bureau*.

Based on Dick's short story *Adjustment Team*, the film stars John

Slattery as a mysterious Adjustment Bureau agent who must keep star-crossed lovers Matt Damon and Emily Blunt apart. It follows along with at least one tradition typical of Dick's Hollywood adaptations — a title change.

Blade Runner was based on the 1968 novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* The short story *We*

Can Remember It for You Wholesale became *Total Recall* and *Next*, the Nicolas Cage movie, was loosely based on the short story *The Golden Man*.

"Phil often commented that he couldn't write good titles," said Dick's ex-wife Tessa.

"If he could, he would have been an advertising writer instead of a

novelist."

Blade Runner is arguably Dick's most famous film but an early draft of the script so displeased Dick he went on the offensive, deriding it as *Phillip Marlowe meets The Stepford Wives*.

Later, however, when shown 20 minutes of special effects shots, the author came on board, say-

ing the footage of Los Angeles in 2019 looked "exactly as how I'd imagined it!"

Ironically, director Ridley Scott later let it slip that he had never even read Dick's book.

Total Recall also had a similar rocky development from page to stage. Early on David Cronenberg was attached to write and direct but walked from the project when producers told him they wanted to change the story into something akin to Raiders of the Lost Ark Go to Mars.

Eventually it was made as an incredibly violent Arnold Schwarzenegger film Roger Ebert called "one of the most complex and visually interesting science fiction movies in a long time."

Despite the fact that Dick died in 1982 of a heart attack, interest in his work remains unabated. Disney is planning an animated adaptation of *King of the Elves* and Ridley Scott is reported to be producing a mini-series based on *The Man in the High Castle* for the BBC.

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Nothing suspect about Whitaker's latest TV role

► Best known for his Academy Award-winning movies, Forest facing new challenges on Criminal Minds series



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Academy Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker isn't necessarily a stranger to television, but *Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior* marks his first lead role on a TV series. He says it's a decision he made partially to be home more with his family.

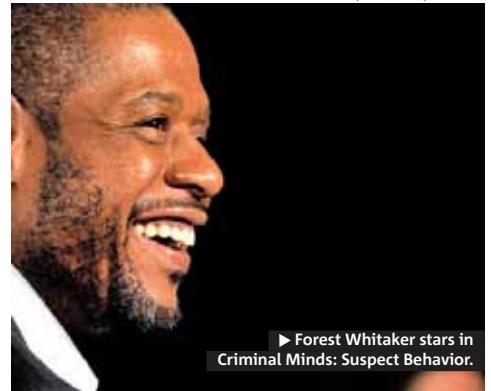
Whitaker spoke with Metro about moving to TV, reading people and fulfilling childhood dreams.

What made you take a full-time series TV role?

I never had my own show, but I got a chance to do it a couple times before. I did six episodes on *ER* once. It was a good experience. And I did, like, 11 episodes on *The Shield*, which was a great experience, developing that character. For this, it was the right time. I wanted to stay home for a while. I was offered a couple series at the same time. I chose to do this one because I was interested in exploring the human mind and the human psyche.

Was it a childhood dream of yours to be a cop or an FBI agent?

No. (laughs) But, you know, I did want to be a behavioural analyst. When I was a kid, I remember at kindergarten I told my class. They said, "What do



► Forest Whitaker stars in *Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior*.

you want to be?" I said, "I want to be an ethologist." Everybody's like, "What?" And I was like, "Animal behaviourist." And so, I guess, in some ways, I'm still doing that.

Are you a good at reading people?

I don't think so. (laughs) I mean, I think I can look at people and see certain behaviours and certain things. But I think I'm a better people-reader when it doesn't have anything to do with me.

Your kids must be happy that you're close to home now and not travelling so much.

That's what they said. (laughs) I'm happy because you get to see things, like, on a daily basis. And I have two kids who are off to school, college, and I have two little

ones. I missed a lot. I've been there for my kids, but I haven't been there as much as I'd like. I've been a gypsy.

How would you say your show differs from the original *Criminal Minds*?

I think it's the nature of the people, experience and where they're coming from. First off, we're a red-cell unit, so we only report directly to the director of the FBI. We're a specialized unit. We have a guy who was a prisoner, you know, who's coming from the criminal minds, someone who's a sniper from overseas. Initially, we were supposed to be dealing with some international crimes and things like that. I don't know. We haven't really pursued a lot of that yet. I hope we will.

Cue the comeback cast

A boxing great, a model who survived an Indian Ocean tsunami and a grown-up Karate Kid will be hoofing it on the 12th season of *Dancing with the Stars*.

Welterweight champ Sugar Ray Leonard, model Petra Nemcova and Ralph Macchio of the hit 1984 karate movie will be among 11 celebrity contestants when the ABC show returns March 21.

The cast was announced Monday by *Dancing with the Stars* hosts Tom Bergeron and Brooke Burke in segments that aired during an episode of ABC's *The Bachelor*.

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claimed.

Also hitting the dance floor will be actress Kirstie Alley; Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward; professional wrestler Chris Jericho; *Loveline* radio show co-host Mike Catherwood; onetime rap prodigy Romeo (former Lil' Romeo); Chelsea Kane of Disney Channel's *Jonas*; talk show host Wendy Williams and reality star Kendra Wilkinson.

Alley suggested the contestants' focus would be to "try not to fall on our butts the first week out. That's what I'm going for."

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Bad night out for Christina Aguilera

► Evening ends with singer's arrest ► Boyfriend faces DUI charge

Christina Aguilera was reportedly arrested early yesterday morning in West Hollywood for public intoxication, according to TMZ. Her boyfriend, Matthew Rutler, was

reportedly also arrested for a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Aguilera was "extremely intoxicated" and "unable to take care of herself," law

enforcement sources tell the website. Police initially pulled Rutler over because he was driving erratically.

"If the driver had not been arrested for DUI,

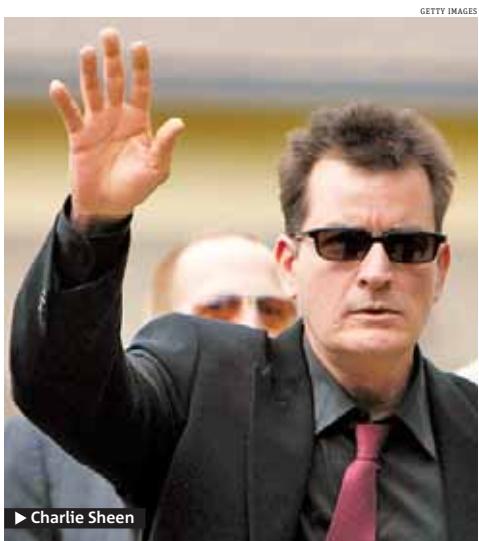
(Christina) would have never been in trouble," the source says.

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Sheen goes public, loses publicist

Charlie Sheen has been on the publicity offensive this week, doing as many interviews as he can to discuss his infamous fallout with CBS and the creator of Two and a Half Men, capping it off with a 45-minute live chat with website TMZ in his backyard.

When asked about his 10-month-old twin sons, Sheen motioned to the house and said, "They're right in there somewhere." When asked who was watching the toddlers, Sheen said, "Everybody here is parenting the kids." Shortly after the interview, Sheen's long-term publicist, Stan Rosenfield, quit. In response, Sheen told TMZ, "He's not allowed to quit, so you're fired." ● METRO



Celebrity tweets



Adam Lambert

[@Adam lambert] Wow new Gaga video is wild and weird! I love the super 60's psychedelic intro. Like Barbarella meets Alien.



Ryan Seacrest

[@Ryan Seacrest] Picked up chicken soft tacos on the way home and fell asleep at 9pm! Early morn.



Neil Patrick Harris

[@Actually NPH] Charlie Sheen's done lost his crackers... #teamcbs



Katy Perry

[@katyperry] OPRAH!

● METRO

Pressure over Gadhafi shows

Beyoncé Knowles, Mariah Carey, Usher and 50 Cent are among the entertainers being pressured to return money they have been paid for performing for Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi and his family, according to Rolling Stone. Carey, for instance, was reportedly paid \$1 million to perform

for Gadhafi's son at a New Year's Eve party in 2008.

Nelly Furtado has already posted on Twitter: "In 2007, I received (\$1 million) from the Gadhafi clan to perform a 45-minute show for guests at a hotel in Italy. I am going to donate the (money)." ● METRO

Paltrow serious about singing



made waves with her singing recently in film in Country Strong, on TV on Glee and at awards shows like the Grammys and the Oscars.

So naturally the next question is when will she sign a record deal? It may be soon, Paltrow admits.

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Chic Savvy Travels is a new website co-founded by Canadian journalists Vawn Himmelsbach and Tanya Enberg that offers some great advice and stories for female travellers. Dubbed A Backpacker's Guide for Grown-ups, the site has sections such as Relationship Road Test and Canadian, eh? Check out chicsavvytravels.com.

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Can't wait until St. Patrick's Day to party? Tybee Island, GA., is celebrating Mardi Gras.

Taking a ride on a zip line in The Rock

- N.L.'s Marble Mountain offers some great skiing and snowboarding
- Don't miss a heart-stopping zip-line ride over a huge gorge

I stood on the platform staring across Canada's highest zip line — a cable strung 85 metres over a plunging gorge at Marble Mountain, one of the best kept secrets in western Newfoundland.

"Have fun!" the guide urged me as I shook with fear but stepped from the edge, my feet suddenly dangling free over the vast chasm below.

I was secured to the down-sloping cable by two pulleys with cords attached to a harness with straps around my waist, legs, shoulders and chest.

Through my helmet I could barely hear the other zip liners cheering me on as I laughed like a kid on a rollercoaster. A spectacular view of the Humber Valley, cut through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range — the same peaks that extend into Georgia — flashed past.

And before I knew it, I was slowing down as the cable angled upward toward the waiting guide who caught my lines at the re-

ceiving platform.

Now that's a knee-wobbling rush.

Marble Zip Tours offers eight lines criss-crossing the spectacular Steady Brook Falls near Corner Brook, N.L. The longest ride sprawls across 420 metres and is aptly described in promotional brochures as a heady blend of parachuting and flying.

But if hurtling over a deep void isn't quite your speed, Marble Mountain is also a winter wonderland featuring world-class skiing and snowboarding.

World-class skiing on The Rock? It's a fact so little known that lineups for chairlifts with names like "Newfie Bullet" are astoundingly short. They head up to 37 trails ranging from leisurely runs to double-black-diamond vertical drops of up to 519 metres.

And of course there's lots of typical Newfoundland humour. One run is called Blow Me Down, or as it's also simply referred to, OMJ, or Oh My Jesus.

Marble Mountain is geographically blessed with a climate that is typically one of the snowiest in Canada. But when the peaks were still bare in early January, panicked locals organized a snow dance. The region has been blasted with about two metres of powder ever since, creating some of the best skiing and snowboarding conditions in recent memory. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Water babies will love it here — St. Lucia has some of the best diving in the Caribbean, with natural coral around the underwater volcano that surrounds the island as well as artificial sites grown from shipwrecks. The perfect place to head underwater is Anse Chastenet beach, in the middle of a marine park. Book through Scuba St. Lucia (scubastlucia.com).

From mid-March to the

end of July, St. Lucia has some shy and rather elusive visitors — turtles. They're most likely spotted on the wild sweep of Grande Anse beach. If you're keen on sightseeing, you can drive right up to the belching, bubbling Soufrière Volcano — a reminder of the island's origins and the reason its beaches come with black sand (admission \$1.25). But it's the surroundings that make the trip. This part of St. Lucia is stunning, with

the peaks of the Pitons rising from the coast, and a maze of inland roads hemmed by old plantations and sleepy, pastel vil-

tages (every day 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., \$10); a horseback tour here takes in the dramatic sweep of beach at its very edges.

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In the new film, *The Adjustment Bureau*, Matt Damon and Emily Blunt run around a futuristic New York City, pursued by shadowy agents that are out to get them. But the Big Apple is even more fun with all the conspiracy theories and gun-toting baddies. Metro rounds up some of the best spots in the city as featured on the silver screen.



THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU

Brooklyn Bridge

Before Matt Damon's rising politician ends up on the run, he's busy running for office, using landmarks including the famous bridge as backdrops for his campaign speeches. The first-ever steel-wire suspension bridge is one of the city's enduring landmarks and a great place to start your own chase scenes. A walk across also puts visitors in the right place to explore the gorgeous architecture of Brooklyn Heights.



I AM LEGEND

Washington Square Park

In this dystopian zombie flick, Will Smith holes up in one of the fancy townhouses alongside Greenwich Village's main attraction. Luckily for visitors, there aren't hordes of blood-thirsty monsters stalking the Washington Square Arch — and the park has just completed a \$16 million refurbishment, sprucing up the unofficial centre of New York University's campus and aligning its famous fountain with that arch.



DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE

Central Park

The massive park in Manhattan is featured in many films, most thrillingly in the third chapter in the Die Hard franchise, when Det. John McClain (Bruce Willis) commandeers a cab and careens through the park to beat traffic. We don't recommend off-road driving — Central Park is a nature conservancy — but take a cue from the film and explore the less-familiar northern end of the park, for gems including the Harlem Meer and the Great Hill.



BLACK SWAN

Lincoln Center

While much of the action in this Oscar-nominated psychological thriller happens inside New York's famed ballet theatre, the surrounding area still gets a chance to show off. And it has plenty to boast about, as Lincoln Center recently underwent a four-year face-lift, with magnificent new facades and promenades worth checking out. Plus, with numerous performance venues including the homes of the Metropolitan Opera, there's plenty for connoisseurs of the arts to explore.



GHOSTBUSTERS 2

The Statue of Liberty

No visit to the Big Apple would be complete without checking out Lady Liberty, which came to life to save the day in this 1989 sequel. There's no word on whether she'll reprise her role for the anticipated Ghostbusters 3, but she's still accepting visitors in New York Harbor. And while the city would frown on your bringing the statue to life using ectoplasm and guiding it across the river to Manhattan, you can still visit for an awesome view of the city and experience a piece of New York history.

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Perfect for a cold night's dinner, this Pulled Beef sandwich is a new take on a favourite usually made with pork. This recipe, adapted from The Canadian Press, makes enough for leftovers, too!

Preparation:

1 Heat Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Brown beef on all sides. Remove to plate.

2 Pour remaining oil into same pan. Add onion, celery and peppers and cook, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until the onions are translucent. Stir the tomatoes, beef broth, oregano, salt and pepper. Add beef back into

the pan with any accumulated juices, nestling it in the sauce so that it is completely submerged (add more broth if necessary). Bring to a boil.

3 Cover and transfer to a 325 F (160 C) oven and cook, turning occasionally for about 2 1/2 hours or until fork tender. Let cool slightly and using two forks pull roast apart, discarding any fatty bits.

4 Serve the pulled beef sandwich on warm buns or in warmed tortillas.

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● EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients:
 • 3 lb (1.5 kg) boneless beef blade roast
 • 2 tbsp (30 mL) vegetable oil
 • 1 onion, chopped
 • 1 celery stalk, chopped
 • 2 cubanelle peppers,
 • 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) diced tomatoes
 • 1 cup (250 mL) beef broth (approx)
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The joys of fried fish – minus the fatty frying

DINNER EXPRESS

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This recipe for "Fried" Haddock with Red Thai Curry Mayo, adapted from the Associated Press, manages to find a creative way to infuse a basic baked "fried" haddock with the delicious taste of Thai red curry paste.

Making the fish couldn't be simpler. Just whisk eggs, mayo and mustard in one shallow bowl, and fill a second with panko breadcrumbs.

Then, dredge haddock fillets through the egg mixture, then through the panko, then bake them on a sheet in the oven.

Adding the gentle yet complex spicy heat of red curry paste is also made easy. Whip it into the mayonnaise, then slather that on a bun, add the fish and call it a day.

Preparation:

1 In a bowl, whisk together eggs and mustard. In another bowl, place breadcrumbs.

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) panko breadcrumbs

- 1 lb (500 g) haddock fillets, divided into 4 pieces
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) light mayonnaise

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Thai red curry paste
- 8 large Boston or bibb lettuce leaves
- 4 hamburger buns

2 Season the haddock with salt and pepper. Dredge each piece of haddock in the egg mixture, letting excess drip off then coat in breadcrumbs evenly on both sides. Arrange fillets on greased baking sheet. Bake in 400 F (200

C) oven for about 10 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

3 Meanwhile, in small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and curry paste. Divide mixture over the bottom half of

each bun, then top each with 2 lettuce leaves. Set haddock over lettuce and serve immediately.

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 News worth sharing.

French restaurants miss the top spot

The arbiter of fine cuisine, the Michelin Red Guide, has added more than 50 restaurants to its annual listing of premier eateries in France but none got its top grade.

For the first time in nearly a generation, the anonymous inspectors couldn't find any newcomers for its ultra-elite list of three-star restaurants in France, whose ranks actually shrank by one to 25.

Michelin said that reflected diners' ongoing shift to favouring more value-oriented eating over the white tablecloths that predominate in the three-star dining world.

The one chef who lost his perch at the top was Michel Trama, whose eponymous restaurant in

southwest France features foie gras hamburger and foie gras lollipops, fell from three stars to two.

The 111-year-old guidebook elevated 51 restaurants to either one- or two-star rankings, including a second star for Japanese chef Shinichi Sato at Paris' Passage 53.

Overall, 46 restaurants joined the one-star category for a total of 470, and five got two stars for a total of 76.

Outside Paris, the guide promoted two new 2-star restaurants: Chef Bruno Oger's Villa Archange near Cannes and Thierry Drapeau's self-named restaurant near Nantes.

The nearly 2,000 page guidebook goes on sale Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's this guy thinking?

► When trying to land that dream job, it's important to consider what the recruiter wants to hear

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► The best interviews will take on a natural, conversational tone, career experts say.

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Getting dressed for a job interview?

Start by "putting yourself in the shoes of an employer and think what they would want to hear," says Laura DeCarlo, an interview coach.

Leenie Glickman, a career counselor from Boston, adds, "think about what they would want to hire."

"Prepare by writing down what traits and skills they would be looking for. Then it's almost irrelevant what they ask you because you already know what you want to tell them."

A command of the conversation puts your interviewers at ease, which you want to do during an interview.

"As a job seeker, yes, you have a lot of fear, but in reality, it's just dress re-

hearsal," she continues. "If you get it wrong, you can always keep applying, keep learning. But an employer has a whole lot at risk when they're interviewing job seekers. They can be very insecure."

They can also be dismally unprepared, she adds.

"There are a variety of unprepared interview types," she says. "They range from the leads-the-interview-astray-talking-about-wife-and-kids interviewer to the interviewer who is so shy and quiet that you're going to have a stilted interview if you're not outgoing and personable."

If you find yourself locked in an inquisition with a manager like that, be ready to manage your talk time like a chess player slapping the clock, Glickman suggests.

Studies show a jobseeker should speak about 20 per cent of the time during

their first round interview.

"The best interviews are the ones where it's interactive," she notes. "They ask you a question, you give them the answer, you come back with a question. It feels conversational."

Just Google 'em!

It's a 21st century given that your job interviewer is going to Google you – and probably gawk at all those Facebook photos you left online. But the web's translucent curtain goes both ways.

Take advantage!

► "All these companies have LinkedIn groups," Glickman points out. "Use LinkedIn's advance search functions. Search for people who work at that company and find out more about them."

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Social media sites have redefined the process of getting into college. What you have shared about yourself online can be more revealing than SAT scores or an admissions essay.

According to a Kaplan survey, 88 per cent of admission officers believed social media was either "somewhat" or "very" important to their future recruitment efforts.

"What you do now

stays in the public domain forever. It's easier to remove a tattoo," says Kenny Ossen, director of communications and broadcast media for SocialShield, a service designed to inform parents

Tech Tips:

- If you wouldn't send a photo to your grandmother or college admissions counsellor, don't post it online.
- Make sure all content is set to private. Anyone can get ahold of information if you don't protect it.
- Don't friend professors, but do like or follow their department online to show that you're interested.
- Be professional. Have an email that is used only for college applications and professional matters. Your personal email can trace social networking sites you belong to.

about social media.

While students can't change who they are, they can refine their image. See the sidebar (above) for some easy tips.

NEWS CANADA

Doctors get a tech check-up

► Students learning to make the most of new technologies

An initiative has been launched to better prepare Canadian medical students to practise in modern, technology-enabled clinical environments.

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada and Canada Health Infoway want medical schools, students and residents to join in a three-year project to strengthen learning in effective clinical use of information and communications technologies.

"In Canada and around the world, clinicians are improving quality of care, access and productivity through the use of information and communications technologies," said Jennifer Zelmer of Health Infoway, a federally funded organization formed to accelerate development of

information technology projects across the country.

"By giving clinicians in training a good foundation on the effective use of these tools in clinical practice, physicians of tomorrow can better harness these benefits in their practices and for their patients," she said.

The Clinicians in Training project aims to improve clinical practice and patient care by supporting medical students and residents in their adoption and use of information and communications technologies, such as electronic medical records.

The program, involving Canada's 17 faculties of medicine, will include creation and sharing of curriculum-based resources and e-learning tools.

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BEWARE WHEN BASHING THE BOSS BRASHLY

later found that by spitefully criticizing her boss, her immediate dismissal was justified.

Similarly, following a number of poor performance reviews, Yingyi Chen had finally had enough of management's disdain.

Knowing that the company was in a precarious financial position, Chen penned a letter to its shareholders widely expressing his dissatisfaction with management and how he felt the company was being run.

Upset following an angry confrontation with her boss, Maria Van Der Meij wasn't about to go quietly.

Believing that her boss had acted improperly during a meeting, Van Der Meij left the office and wrote to the company's board of directors, angrily criticizing her boss by accusing him of being a coward and lacking ethical standards.

The letter cost Van Der Meij both her job and her case, as a court

When the issues mounted, Bennett delivered a letter to her boss accusing her of being dishonest and negligent and suggesting that she was disorganized and incompetent. Bennett was fired almost immediately.

Unlike the other two cases, here the court sided with the employee. Why? Because Bennett's letter, while harshly worded, was intended to be kept private and not to embarrass her boss or the company.

In all three cases, the courts accepted that employees are generally entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal.

However, sometimes silence can be golden. While employees will often have complaints that are reasonable or justified, the manner and tone in which they express them must always remain professional.

When such criticism goes over the edge, an employer is not required to tolerate it.

Oilers take tight game in shootout

► Gerber unbeaten when called up for Edmonton so far this season

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OILERS

PREDATORS

the post behind Nashville netminder Pekka Rinne.

Nashville took a 1-0 lead 13 minutes into the second as Ryan Suter sent a backhand pass from behind the net to Geoffrion on the doorstep. Geoffrion blasted his first career NHL goal past Gerber.

Geoffrion, who played his third career game with Nashville, is the first fourth-generation player in the league. His great-grandfather Howie Morenz, grandfather Bernie (Boom Boom) Geoffrion and his father, Dan Geoffrion, all preceded him on his path to the NHL.

The Predators' lead lasted just 41 seconds as Oilers defenceman Vandermeer stepped into a blast from the top of the faceoff circle to make it 1-1.

Edmonton was again badly outshot in the first, trailing Nashville 18-7.

There was no scoring in the largely uneventful second period, but both teams had good chances in the third with the Oilers outshooting Nashville 11-4 in the period.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Linus Omark scored the winning goal in a shootout as the Edmonton Oilers snapped a two-game skid, defeating the Nashville Predators 2-1 last night.

Jim Vandermeer scored in regulation for the last-place Oilers (21-35-8) who have won five of their last eight games.

Martin Gerber, up from the minors while Nikolai Khabibulin battles an eye injury, improved to a perfect 3-0 this season with the Oilers.

Blake Geoffrion replied for the Predators (32-23-9), who have not been doing themselves any favours in the tight Western Conference playoff picture with losses in six of their last eight.

Edmonton had the best early chance as Ales Hemsky had a partial breakaway but rang the puck off



► Oiler Kurtis Foster defends goalie Martin Gerber from the Nashville Predators' Matt Halischuk last night.

The return for Dustin Penner was as good as anyone could have hoped. But he was just one of the Oilers people were expecting to change addresses, the reason for some disappointment. Ales Hemsky remains, as do Jim Vandermeer, Ladislav Smid and others. Two moves in all were made. Two?

For my money, less was more for the Oilers this year.

First, too often GMs are intent on moving players and end up taking less than market value. And with all the action that happened ahead of the deadline, Monday was a buyer's market.

Teams kicked the tires on players other than Penner and AHLer Shawn Belle, but general manager Steve Tambellini and the rest of the Oilers brain trust obviously didn't believe enough was offered.

The Kings were reportedly interested in Hemsky more than Penner, but when L.A. balked at parting with top prospect Brayden Schenn, Edmonton offered up the lesser of the two players.

Penner is skilled, but prone to taking nights off and he doesn't use his six-foot-four, 245-pound frame to its potential. Hemsky, of course, isn't always a gamer either, but he's sublimely skilled and worth more than Penner.

Second, keeping Hemsky and the rest in the fold will only help Edmonton's turnaround, even if he's moved at the June draft. Foisting too much pressure too soon on youngsters is a dangerous game, and that's what moving the veteran core would have done to the still wet-behind-the-ears core of the future.

Imagine the headlines: *Baby Oil Era Begins; The Future Is Now; Passing The Torch; Blah, Blah, Blah.*

Moving more people out the door for picks and prospects would have taken last overall from a virtual lock to a certainty, but would also have left Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle, Magnus Paajarvi, Sam Gagner (he's only 21, remember) and, even, Jeff Petry and Taylor Chorney to do the heavy lifting by themselves, immediately. Let the kids ride out the season playing second fiddle to the older guys and then revisit your options.

Edmonton is still the odds-on favourite to finish last overall and virtually ensure itself the No. 1 pick at the draft and Swedish defenceman Adam Larsson. (Ottawa will make a serious run at 30th as well, but will have its sights set on Swedish forward Gabriel Landeskog.)

In the long run, passing on offers for less than he believed his players were worth will serve Tambellini and Edmonton's future well.

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Quoted



"The likelihood of them leaving is probably greater than them staying, but it's not a done deal."

SACRAMENTO MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON, A FORMER NBA PLAYER, ON THE CHANCES OF THE KINGS STAYING IN HIS CITY. THE NBA GRANTED THE TEAM AN EXTENSION YESTERDAY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION NEXT SEASON.

"We're wishing them ill will. I told that to the Anaheim mayor in a delicate way last week. I am rooting against him."

JOHNSON, ON THE CITY THAT HAS BEEN TRYING TO LURE THE KINGS AWAY.

Opinion

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THE HOCKEY NEWS



BETTER FOR OILERS TO SIT ON ASSETS

After all the talk, the trade deadline turned into an uneventful day for the Edmonton Oilers. Or did it?



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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	62	40	16	3	3	203	159	86	20-8-2	20-8-2	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Tampa Bay	62	37	18	3	4	190	81	71	21-7-3	16-11-2	5-3-0-2	W3
d-Boston	63	37	19	2	5	195	148	81	15-12-1	22-7-1	6-4-0-0	W6
Pittsburgh	64	37	21	3	3	187	159	80	20-11-2	17-10-1	3-5-1-1	W1
Washington	64	30	20	5	5	170	162	78	18-8-2	16-12-3	5-5-0-0	W2
Montreal	64	34	23	4	3	168	165	75	20-8-3	14-15-1	4-4-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	65	33	28	2	2	181	160	70	14-16-2	19-12-2	4-6-0-0	L2
Carolina	64	30	25	4	5	186	194	69	17-10-2	13-15-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Buffalo	62	30	25	6	1	179	175	67	14-15-2	16-10-4	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	63	27	27	4	5	166	193	63	14-11-4	13-16-1	5-1-2-2	L2
Atlanta	64	26	27	4	7	179	208	63	14-13-5	12-14-3	2-6-1-1	L1
Florida	63	26	30	3	4	166	173	59	12-12-3	14-18-0	3-4-1-0	W1
New Jersey	62	27	31	3	1	132	164	58	13-13-2	14-18-0	9-1-0-0	W1
NY Islanders	64	23	32	5	4	173	206	55	12-15-1	13-17-1	5-3-2-0	L4
Ottawa	63	21	33	5	4	143	201	51	11-17-2	10-16-3	4-5-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	63	39	15	4	5	206	150	87	22-6-4	17-9-3	5-5-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	63	39	18	4	2	213	183	84	17-10-3	22-8-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-San Jose	63	36	21	4	2	178	162	78	15-10-2	21-11-2	9-1-0-0	W6
Phoenix	65	33	22	6	4	186	189	76	15-11-3	12-13-2	6-3-0-1	L4
Calgary	65	33	23	3	6	196	182	75	19-10-4	13-12-3	6-2-1-1	W6
Los Angeles	63	35	24	2	2	178	156	74	19-10-1	16-14-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Chicago	63	34	23	2	4	202	174	74	19-14-0	15-9-3	7-1-0-2	W5
Dallas	63	34	23	2	4	174	177	74	18-9-3	13-14-0	4-5-1-0	W3
Nashville	64	32	23	5	4	167	153	73	15-7-4	17-16-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Minnesota	63	33	24	1	5	166	166	72	16-13-0	17-11-2	5-4-0-1	L2
Anaheim	63	35	25	3	2	176	186	71	18-10-1	15-2-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Columbus	61	31	24	3	3	170	181	68	16-13-2	15-11-2	6-3-0-1	L1
St. Louis	63	28	26	4	5	173	186	65	16-11-3	10-15-2	4-6-0-0	W1
Colorado	63	26	30	7	0	183	217	59	14-15-4	12-15-0	1-8-1-0	L3
Edmonton	64	21	35	1	7	160	212	50	11-19-1	10-16-1	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Calgary	6	St. Louis	0
Montreal	3	Atlanta	1
Boston	1	Ottawa	0
Buffalo	3	N.Y. Rangers	2
Carolina	2	Florida	1
Dallas	3	Phoenix	2
Washington	2	N.Y. Islanders	1 (OT)
Edmonton	2	Nashville	1 (SO)
Columbus	1	Vancouver	0
Colorado	1	San Jose	0

Monday's results

Chicago	4	Minnesota	2
Detroit	7	Los Angeles	4
Tonight's games			
All time Eastern			
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.			
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.			
Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.			
Calgary at Chicago, 9 p.m.			
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.			

CANADIENS 3, THRASHERS 1

First Period

1. Montreal, Pacioretty 12, 13:22

Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Pacioretty) 1:34, Stuart Atl (slashing) 4:54, Plekanec Mtl (interference) 9:18, Stewart Atl (cross-checking) 2:00.

Second Period

2. Montreal, Wisniewski 7 (Kostitsyn, Desharnais) 0:34 (pp).

Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Kostitsyn) 1:59, Price Mtl (delay of game; served by Pacioretty) 1:34, Enstrom Atl (hooking) 11:12, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 11:24, Hainsey Atl (hooking) 17:44, Byfuglien Atl (high-sticking) 19:00.

Third Period

3. Atlanta, Antropov 11 (Stewart) 14:14

4. Montreal, Gionta 23 (Gomez, Pacioretty)

19:14 (en)

Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (interference), Thorburn Atl (roughing) 0:21.

Shots on goal by

Montreal	5	8	10	-23
Atlanta	9	16	16	-41

Goal — Montreal: Price (W, 29-21-6); Atlanta: Mason (L, 8-9-3). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 1-5; Atlanta: 0-5.

Attendance — 11,156; Atlanta: 18,545) at Atlanta.

BRUINS 1, SENATORS 0

First Period

— None.

Second Period — None.

Penalty — Spezza (tripping) 14:02.

Third Period

1. Boston, Horton 18 (Marchand, McCusker) 1:43

Penalties — Campbell Bos (charging) 3:24,

Condra Ott (hooking) 6:50, Marchand Bos (holding) 16:23.

Shots on goal by

Boston	6	9	6	-21
Ottawa	10	14	9	-33

Goal — Boston: Kiprusoff (W, 29-20-5); St. Louis: Bishop (L, 2-3-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Calgary: 2-4; St. Louis: 0-2.

Attendance — 19,150 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

OILERS 2, PREDATORS 1 (SO)

First Period

1. Nashville, Geoffrion 1 (Suter, Halischuk) 12:45

2. Edmonton, Vandermeer 2 (Gagner) 13:26

Penalty Smid (interference) 17:45.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — O'Brien Nash (slashing) 2:58,

Gibert Edm (tripping) 11:50, Smithson Nash (holding) 14:10.

Third Period

No Scoring.

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NOT including last night's games

TENNIS

WTA MONTERREY OPEN

At Monterrey, Mexico

Singles — First Round

Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Julia Goerges (4), Germany, 6-1, 7-5.

Anastasija Sevastova (5), Latvia, def. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.

Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Ximena Hernandez, Mexico, 6-2, 6-0.

Sybille Bammer, Austria, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Romina Oprandi, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Zuzana Ondrašová, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

Melanie Oudin, U.S., def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.

Aliona Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Ana Ivanovic, Serbia, 6-2, 6-1.

Ekaterina Ivanova, Russia, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Dinara Safina, Russia, def. Han Xinyun, China, 6-2, 6-0.

Anna Karolína Schmiedlová, Slovakia, def. Li Na, China, 6-3, 6-2 (tiebreak).

Chai-Kai Chen, Taiwan, and Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Jarmila Grotth, Poland, and Lucie Safarova (3), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3.

Noppawan Leekwachakul, Thailand, and Jessika Moore, Australia, def. Cagla Buyukakcay, Turkey, and Ksenia Palkina, Kyrgyzstan, 4-6, 6-1, 10-3 (tiebreak).

China, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 (tiebreak).

Kai-Chen Chen, Taiwan, and Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Cleveland, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2.

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Like a Regal

The 2011 Regal is already making waves, but its \$33,400 base price nudges up against that of the larger LaCrosse.

This is where the Verano comes in since it will likely enter the market in the \$28,000 range, including destination charges.

It will be as well equipped as the loaded Regal, at least for its base price, but the Verano's Chevrolet-Cruze-based platform and basic body structure is actually closer in size to the Regal than you might think.

Ground-breaking

Stylistically, the Verano and the Regal share the same shape and are adorned with similar grilles, but the Verano's seem proportionally larger. The neatly contoured fenders allow very little fender-to-tire gap, which hints at a sporty side.

The cabin is pure luxury, however. Although base models will come with leatherette (vinyl) and cloth seats, premium models will feature plenty of wood trim and plumped-up leather-covered seat cushions. For any compact car, and not just a Buick small car, this is ground breaking.



► The Verano blends small size and luxury, which is a relatively new thing for North American automakers. But when you think about it, it makes perfect sense to sell well-equipped small cars.

Buick shows the way for small cars

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What does vehicle size have to do with luxury? Not much anymore.

Traditionally, compact models have been aimed at buyers seeking affordable wheels that stretched their fuel dollars to the max.

"Affordable" means limited features, of course.

However, that tradition is rapidly disappearing as vehicles, such as the upcoming 2012 Buick Verano, emerge to redefine and challenge the small-equals-cheap belief.

A Buick, redefining and challenging? You read it here first.

Upwardly creeping gasoline prices combined with pending government-legislated fuel-economy stan-

dards are changing the way North Americans think about small cars: they're beginning to actually need them.

As a result, automobiles sold in North America are starting to shrink, and engines are shrinking right along with them.

This fall's arrival of the Verano constitutes a major step in a new direction for Buick, but one that General

Motors' up-level division seems fully prepared for, despite a history of large, pillow-y driving sedans.

It's unlikely that the Verano's arrival will cause BMW or Audi much concern, but it might lure buyers considering a loaded-up Honda Accord or Toyota Camry to seriously consider a Buick, which would have been virtually unheard of five years ago.

Verano

Facts about the 2012 Buick Verano.

- ▶ Type: Four-door entry-luxury compact sedan.
- ▶ Engine (hp): 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (177).
- ▶ Transmission: Six-speed automatic.
- ▶ Stats: L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.3/6.3 (est.)



By comparison

Honda Accord EX sedan

Base price: \$29,000
Popular sedan is strong on comfort, fuel economy and driving enjoyment.



Hyundai Sonata Limited

Base price: \$30,600
All-new model is sharp-looking, roomy and offers impressive fuel economy.



Mazda6 GT-i4

Base price: \$30,300
A sporty sedan that looks and acts the part. Family-size trunk a plus.



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2006 911 Carrera
#PC8033 Black
11,979 kms
\$69,900

2010 911 Targa 4
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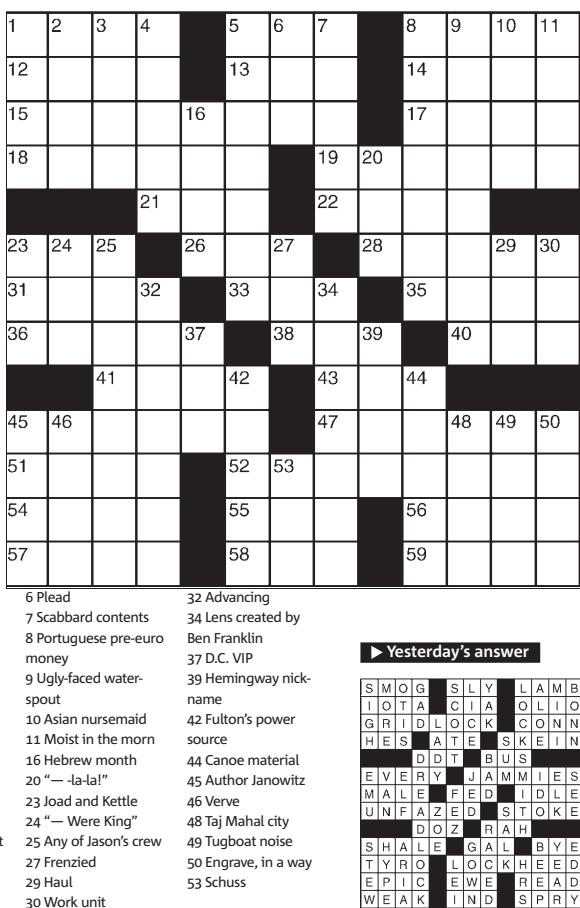
Crossword

Across

1 Seeks answers
5 Couric's network
8 "Zounds!"
12 Beehive State
13 Chop
14 Unchanged
15 Bogart-Bacall movie
17 Animal's stomach
18 Swimsuit brand
19 Red-orange fish
21 Skillet
22 Old fogey
23 Actress Zadora
26 Edge
28 Card-game rule-book
34 Frizzy coiffure
33 Taxi
35 Insult
36 Highway warnings
38 Go down slightly
40 Early bird?
41 Hasn't paid yet
43 "Great!"
45 Rent payer
47 Sedentary
51 Winged
52 Snail, on a French menu
54 Tennyson poem
55 Alias abbr.
56 Gator's kin
57 Picnic invaders
58 Wire measure
59 "Thirty days —..."

Down

1 Diving birds
2 Staircase component
3 Comic Danny
4 Drag (Var.)
5 Habitual



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Today's horoscope

Aries March 21-April 20 Take care not to fall out with someone in a position of authority today. By all means, stick up for yourself and protect your interests but don't make enemies of powerful people.

Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't try so hard. The more you attempt to get ahead of the curve, the more likely it is you'll make a silly mistake. You don't have to prove yourself.

Gemini May 22-June 21 If you allow yourself to fear the worst today, it could work against you by making you too cautious about a financial matter that requires an immediate and decisive response. Nothing is ever as bad as it seems. You know that.

Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be none too happy with what's been going on in your life, but what are you going to do about it? It's time to give some serious thought to what changes need to be made.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may be right to be skeptical about what you've been told but don't take it to extremes and believe that everyone is out to deceive you. If someone offers to help, chances are they are just being friendly.

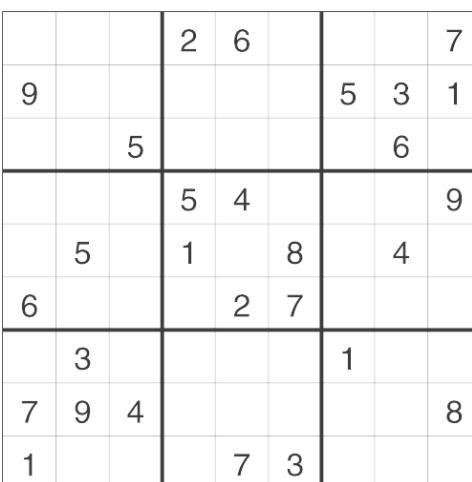
Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Don't commit to anything you have not checked out, even if a friend tells you there is nothing to worry about. That may be true for him or her but can you be sure it is true for you?

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you jump to conclusions today, you may find out later that you got it totally wrong. Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt even if you suspect they are not being entirely truthful.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 This is one of those days when you will feel happier, and achieve more by following the path of least resistance. Don't worry too much about your long-term plans. All roads lead to your ultimate goal.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Try not to attach too much importance to what your five senses tell. There is a chance they will lead you astray. That applies especially to money issues.

Sudoku



► Yesterday's answer



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



A look at the weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Min -27° Max -20°	Min -20° Max -16°	Min -24° Max -15°
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy

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Weather Specialist



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